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The shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ to his sheep...Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the relationship with us. (John 10:1-6)

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Romans 5:8; Ezekiel 36:26-27

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The shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ for his sheep...Jesus' love was a \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:11-18)

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The shepherd **protects** his sheep...Jesus wants to give up **abundant life.** (John 10:7-10)

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The shepherd **gives his life** for his sheep...Jesus' love was a **rescue mission.** (John 10:11-18)

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